FoUowing mines of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) are planned to open during 2007-08:

SI. No.	Mine	Capacity (MT)	Sanctioned Capital (Rs. Crores)	Target (MTPA) 2008-2009	Target (MTPA) 2009-10
1	SRP Open Cast I	0.60	48.93	0.60	0.60
2	Khairagura Expansion	1.78	92.46	2.50	2iO
3	DorIi Opencast I	0.70	48.68	0.70	0.70
4	Dorii Opencast II	0.70	47.67	0.70	0.70
5	JVROCl Expansion	0.90	39.98	0.90	0.90
6	RG Opencast I Expansion	0.10	88.10	liO	liO
	TOTAL:	6.18	365.82	6.90	6.90

All the mines of SCCL are located in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Review of private sector ownership of coal mines

1020. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that all coal mines are owned by public sector, private sector and joint sector;

if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

whether Government are considering review of private sector ownership of coal mines;

if so, the details thereof; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) Coal mines are owned by either a public sector company or private sector company or joint venture company. Besides the Coal India Limited (CIL), a public sector undertaking (PSU) and the Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL), a joint venture company of the Government of India and the Government of Andhra Pradesh, there are 172 coal blocks allocated to other public as well as private sector companies. The table below indicates the number of mines/coal blocks owned by Public Sector and Private Sector Companies;

Number of mines/blocks

State	CIL	SCCL	PSUs other than CIL and SCCL	Private Companies
West Bengal	96		13	2
Jharkhand	159		26	21
Uttar Pradesh	4		—	—
Madhya Pradesh	73		11	9

1	2	3	4	5
Maharashtra	52		9	14
Chhattisgarh	51		14	191
Orissa	23		17	12
Assam	5		—	—
Andhra Pradesh		55	4	—.
Arunachal Pradesh			1	—
TOTAL:	468	55	95*	77

*The blocks allocated jointly to public sector companies and private sector companies have been indicated in public sector companies account for major share of reserves.

(c) to (e) Blocks are being allocated to private sector companies as per the provisions of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 for specified end uses. A Bill, namely, the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Amendment Bill, 2000, was introduced in the Rajya Sabha to amend the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973. The amendment Bill seeks to allow an Indian company to undertake coal mining without the present restriction of captive end-use.

Allotment of mining work of coal blocks to private companies

1021. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

whether Government has decided to allot the work of mining of 130 coal blocks to private companies;

if so, the total amount of coal in coal-block to be given to these private parties;

whether the Ministry of Coal has set up any authority to monitor these private contractors;

if not, the action plan for the regulation of safety measures, service conditions, social security covers etc. of the contract labourers; and

whether any fordeign company has also been given contract in such mining?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) Out of 172 coal blocks allocated so far, 77 coal blocks with reserves of about 11.68 billion tonnes have been allocated to private sector companies.

The Coal Controller under the Ministry of Coal has been mandated to monitor the development of mines and associated end-use projects.

Mining of coal from captive coal blocks allocated to private companies would also be subject to the same legal and regulatory framework as is applicable in the case of public sector coal mining companies. Coal mining would be subject to, *inter alia,* the provisions of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, the Mines Act, the Coal Mines (Conservation and Development) Act, the Coal Mines Regulations, and the Mineral Concession Rules, and all other mineral, forest, environment, and labour laws governing the mining activity.

No coal blocks have been allocated to a foreign company so far.